

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

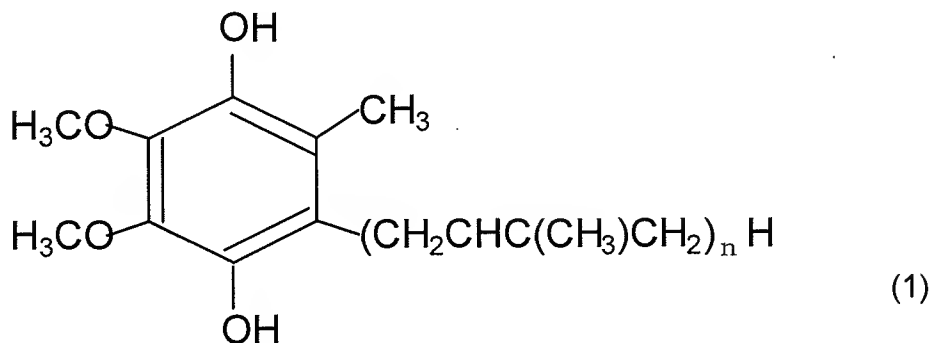
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**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

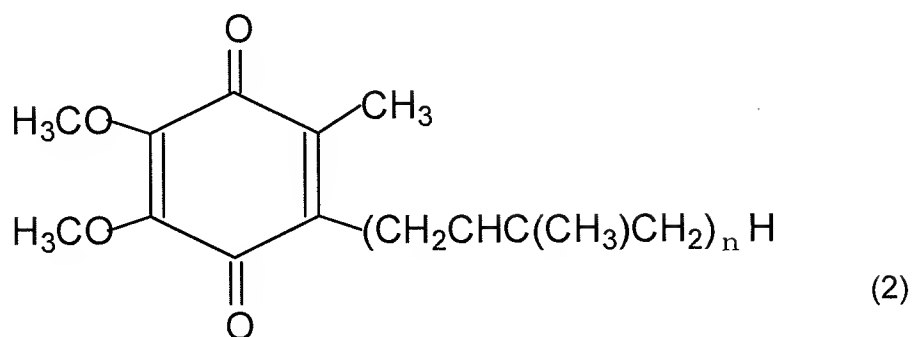
1 to 27. (canceled).

28. (currently amended): A method for reducing fatigue in animals in the state of fatigue, wherein the animals are middle aged or older persons and wherein the fatigue is physical exhaustion, which comprises administering, to said animals, a fatigue reducing agent in a fatigue reducing amount comprising, as an active ingredient

reduced coenzyme Q represented by the following formula (1) (wherein n represents 10)



and oxidized coenzyme Q represented by the following formula (2) (wherein n represents 10)



wherein a ratio of reduced coenzyme Q to total coenzyme Q is not less than 9980% by weight, or

reduced coenzyme Q represented by the above formula (1) (wherein n represents 10) in an amount of 100% based on total coenzyme Q.

29. to 37. (canceled).

38. (previously presented): The method according to claim 28, wherein the fatigue reducing agent is administered orally.

39. (currently amended): The method according to claim 28, wherein the active ingredient is reduced coenzyme Q and oxidized coenzyme Q and the ratio of reduced coenzyme Q to total coenzyme Q is 9980-99.5% by weight.

40. (new): The method according to claim 28, wherein the active ingredient is reduced coenzyme Q and oxidized coenzyme Q and the ratio of reduced coenzyme Q to total coenzyme Q is 99 to 99.5% by weight.